

**STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

1-185. (cancelled)

186. (currently amended) A method for ~~protecting a surface of a human from *Herpes simplex I* virus, or~~ decontaminating a surface of a human of *Herpes simplex I* virus comprising exposing said surface of a human to a composition comprising:

a) an oil-in-water emulsion, comprising;

- 1) a discontinuous oil phase;
- 2) an aqueous phase;
- 3) an alcohol; and
- 4) a surfactant;

wherein said discontinuous oil phase, said aqueous phase, said alcohol, and said surfactant are combined under conditions such that said oil-in-water emulsion is itself antimicrobial; and

b) a halogen-containing compound.

187. (previously presented) The method of Claim 186, wherein said surface of a human comprises an external surface of a human.

188. (previously presented) The method of Claim 186, wherein said surface of a human comprises an internal portion of a human.

189. (previously presented) The method of Claim 186, wherein said oil-in-water emulsion further comprises a chelating agent.

190. (previously presented) The method of Claim 189, wherein said chelating agent comprises ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid.

191. (previously presented) The method of Claim 186, wherein said oil phase comprises an oil selected from the group consisting of plant oil, animal oil, flavor oil, mineral oil and motor oil.

192. (previously presented) The method of Claim 191, wherein said plant oil comprises soybean oil.
193. (previously presented) The method of Claim 186, wherein said surfactant is selected from the group consisting of a polysorbate surfactant, a phoxypolyethoxyethanol and sodium dodecyl sulfate.
194. (previously presented) The method of claim 193, wherein said polysorbate surfactant comprises TWEEN 20.
195. (previously presented) The method of Claim 186, wherein said alcohol comprises ethanol.
196. (previously presented) The method of Claim 186, wherein said alcohol comprises glycerol.
197. (previously presented) The method of Claim 186, wherein said halogen containing compound comprises cetylpyridinium chloride.
198. (previously presented) The method of Claim 186, wherein said composition is formulated as a topical treatment.
199. (previously presented) The method of Claim 198, wherein said topical treatment is formulated in a form selected from the group consisting of a cream, ointment, salve and spray.